

**Stewardship, Reward and Warning**  
**Matthew 25:14-30**  
**August 20, 2017**

Cracking the mystery of life with a toothpick

Are you ready for the second coming of Jesus? Watching, working?

**Our Stewardship v 14-15**

God gives talents according to our capacity.

Some more, some less, all equal to our ability.

We are responsible for the 'talent' that God has given to us.

We are willing and joyful slaves of Jesus Christ.

Jesus, before he left on a long journey, gave his servants embarrassingly great riches.

What are our riches?

**Our Reward v 20-23**

Why are we so uncomfortable with rewards?

What is the promised reward? v 21, 23

1) Well, done good and faithful servant.

2) I will set you over much!

3) Enter into my joy!

Notice that both *faithful* servants receive the same reward.

Do not compare yourself to others.

**A Warning v 24-28**

A wrong view of God.

Being wrong about God, and therefore doing nothing in his service is not a good excuse.

This is the purpose of life. Know God, walk with him, and make him known.

Enter into his service, and into his joy!